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REMARKS

Timeliness of current response

Applicant notes that the current response is timely as follows. The final office action was dated November 18, 2005. The three-month date is thus February 18, 2006. However, February 18, 2006 was a Saturday. The following Monday, February 20, 2006, was a federal holiday, Presidents' Day. This response is thus being timely filed on the next business day on which the USPTO is open, Tuesday, February 21, 2006.

Claims 1-11

Claim 1 is an independent claim, from which claims 2-11 ultimately depend. Claims 1-11 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-6 and 8-11 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hubacher (6,711,688) in view of Dutcher (6,021,496). Claim 7 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter, and which would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7 directly depends from claim 1.

Applicant has amended claim 1 as follows. First, the subject matter of claim 7 has been entered into claim 1, where the phrase "user log-in" has been truncated to "log-in" when entering the subject matter of claim 7 into claim 1 to resolve the 35 USC 112 rejection as to claim 7. Second, with respect to the limitation "network drivers" within claim 1, this limitation has been amended to "network driver" (in the singular), so that it has proper antecedent basis. (This same amendment has been made to claims 5 and 6 as well, since the same 35 USC 112 rejection applies to these claims.) Claim 7 has also been cancelled.

Applicant notes that there appears to be some confusion as to which "log-in" of multiple potential log-ins is recited in claim 1. Applicant believes that by incorporating claim 7 into claim 1, in which the log-in is stated as including "hardware profile selection," that this issue as to claim

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1 is now resolved. If Applicant's belief is incorrect, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Applicant's representative, Michael Dryja, at the phone number listed below, so that an examiner's amendment can be entered to correct any further deficiencies. As it stands, Applicant believes that claim 1 is now in allowable form, such that claims 2-6 and 8-11 are also allowable.

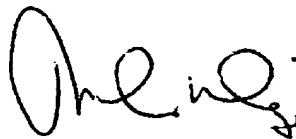
Claims 12-20

Claims 12-20 have been cancelled.

Conclusion

Applicant has very much made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Mike Dryja, Applicant's Attorney, at 425-427-5094, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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